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Busy Bee sells a variety of certified S.C. honey products at the USC Farmers Market, which has remained unaffected by the recession.

# Campus market proves fruitful

**Vendors set competitive prices, see high sales at USC Farmers Market**

**Sarah Peterman**  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

While industries across the country have felt the strain of the recession, it seems the USC Farmers Market has been spared.

Paul Grant with Freshly Grown Farms said they work hard to ensure their products are priced comparably to those in the grocery store.

"We set our prices slightly lower than other stores in town," Grant said. "We want to make sure that people are getting the same value, but a much fresher product."

Shaheed Harris with Asya's Organic Farm has found that people are continuing to shop at the farmers market regardless of the economy.

"People that are really into their health ain't considering the price,"

Harris said. Harris sells specialty teas and a variety of other niche products as well as fresh produce ranging from peas to greens. He thinks his specialty market has helped him create a loyal customer base that keep people coming back.

Tough economic times haven't deterred new vendors from coming either.

Jane Livingston with Livingston Farms came to the USC Farmers Market as a vendor for the first time today. Previously, her farm had sold solely at the State Farmers Market near the stadium, but she's seen great success with smaller farmers markets.

"Here there are more people and more publicity," Livingston said. She said smaller markets significantly improve her profit margins.

"I wouldn't be here otherwise," she said.

Beyond saving money, people seem to have an altruistic purpose for shopping at the farmers market.

"These farmers need our money now more than ever," said Elizabeth Walker,

a third-year Latin American studies student. "I don't feel guilty spending a little extra if that's what's required." Walker said she usually saves money by shopping at the farmers market.

Ryan Hutchens, a fourth-year finance student, was both a vendor and a customer at the farmers market. He has a small garden behind his residence in Olympia Mills where he grows vegetables and sold about \$20 worth of produce at the market today.

"Farmers markets are the future, at least I hope," Hutchens said. "We can't sustain our current system forever. People need to begin buying local and growing sustainably."

Hutchens thinks the farmers market system will continue growing stronger, perhaps because of the economy and not in spite of it.

Liz Tucker, a fourth-year political science student, shops at the market on Greene Street not only to help the environment and support local farmers, but to save money, too. She said she saves

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# Your Summer:

Emily Hartley and Tara Tae

*Magellan Scholars study health, family financial issues in South African town*



Many students spent their summers relaxing on sunny beaches or catching up with their families back home, but Emily

Hartley and Tara Tae did something completely different this year.

Hartley, a fourth-year international business and finance student, and Tae, a third-year exercise science student, embarked on a journey to Cape Town, South Africa, as

recipients of the Magellan Research Grant. The Magellan Scholar program was created as a way for students from a variety of fields of study to engage in research while working on undergraduate degrees.

In order to receive the grant, students had to design and organize their own research projects and present their proposals to a group of faculty members. Sixty students were chosen for the summer/fall 2009 program.

Tae and Hartley lived and worked at the Indlovu Project in the township of

Monwabisi Park, located near Cape Town.

"Monwabisi Park has 2.5 million people who live in shacks," Hartley said. "The unemployment rate is 75 percent."

Hartley surveyed 60 people in the township to determine monthly income and analyze the distribution of income towards various expenses. She said she picked a township because it offered a contrast from the wealthy city of Cape Town.

Hartley stayed for three weeks and Tae was there for a month.

The focus of Tae's project was to study premenopausal women and iron deficiency in their diets. She conducted her research in South Africa because iron deficiency is a common problem in the area.

Neither Tae nor Hartley knew what to expect when they arrived in Monwabisi Park.

"I was definitely overwhelmed," Hartley said. "It was not my first trip out of the country, but I had never been to Africa before, so I experienced a bit of culture shock."

Tae felt the same way. "This was my first trip to

Africa as well," Tae said. "It took time to adjust to the language barrier."

Although the residents of the Indlovu Project did not speak very much English, translators and other aids were available. Tae said she had food props that helped her communicate survey concepts, too.

Hartley and Tae had to make other adjustments, too.

"We didn't have toilets and we had to do laundry by hand," Tae said.

Each day, the girls were responsible for working with the children in the creche, which is like daycare, and assisting in the rebuilding of local buildings.

"We had to do daily chores including cooking and cleaning with the residents of Monwabisi Park," Hartley said.

To conclude their research projects, Tae and Hartley worked together to hold a nutrition clinic for the residents of Monwabisi Park, where they taught them about healthy eating and sanitation.

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## Five Points crime stable in recession

**Night spot sees drop in violence**

**Rick Stone**  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Historically, crime rates rise during times of financial hardship. The last major recession, which began in 1981, saw nearly 13.5 million crimes that year according to the U.S. Department of Labor. And with Columbia's unemployment rate at 9.3 percent as of this July, the recession is in the Midlands. Does the current economic downturn show the crime-economy relation in the capital city?

Not so, said Columbia police department Public Relations Officer Rick Lewis.

"The crime rate has certainly dropped in comparison to the last couple of years," Lewis said. "Thankfully, the recession hasn't caused an increase of any kind."

From 2007 to 2008, violent crime as a whole, which as defined by the Columbia Police Department includes homicide, forcible rape, aggravated assault and robbery, has shown a significant decline although forcible rape remains about the same.

In 2005, the FBI reported that South Carolina had the second highest violent crime rate in the United States. Yet, despite financial adversity, crime in South Carolina has remained low, specifically in Five Points. The area is one of the oldest and most popular night spots in Columbia and consists of several bars, restaurants and specialty stores.

Every Thursday to Saturday, Five Points is teeming with countless students and visitors, leading to occasional cases of larceny, theft and average bar fights.

Non-violent crimes, such as larceny-theft and larceny of a motor vehicle, have increased in the last year. Theft has shown a 16 percent increase and larceny of a motor vehicle has shown a 17 percent increase from 2007 according to the City of Columbia Police Department crime statistics. However, some locals' views conflict with the latest statistics.

Bill Hensley, of Greenwood is an attendant at Newman's Five Points Exxon.

"I don't think things are bad now because it's still early into the school semester," Hensley said. "As far as crime goes, things always pick up later on especially when home football games start because of people coming in from out of state."

Others in the area share different perspective. Sources from various Five Points bars who have chosen to remain anonymous have reported a serious increase in gang activity and aggravated assault, especially within the last six to eight months.

"It's just progressively gotten worse," said one source from Group Therapy, a local bar and restaurant.

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CALENDAR

**What:** Cake decorating  
**When:** 8 a.m.  
**Where:** Russell House Lobby

**What:** Student Organization Fair  
**When:** 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Greene Street

**What:** NAACP meeting  
**When:** 5 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Room 303

**What:** Student Senate meeting  
**When:** 5:30 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Room 322/326

**What:** Young Life  
**When:** 6 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Room 315

**What:** Indian Cultural Exchange general body meeting  
**When:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Dining Room

**What:** The Daily Gamecock interest meeting  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Room 304

**What:** College Democrats at USC meeting  
**When:** 7 p.m.  
**Where:** RH Room 305

SPORTS SCHEDULE

**FOOTBALL**  
North Carolina State  
Carter-Finley Stadium  
Thursday  
7 p.m.

**MEN'S CLUB SOCCER**  
2009 Tryouts  
STWFC Field No. 3  
Friday  
6:30 — 9 p.m.

**MEN'S SOCCER**  
Clemson  
Riggs Field  
Friday  
7 p.m.

**WOMEN'S SOCCER**  
Louisville  
Cardinal Park  
Friday  
7 p.m.

LOCAL & WORLD NEWS

LOCAL

Sanford silent on office link

**ORANGEBURG** — South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford continued Monday to refuse to answer how his staff could have reached him during his summertime visit with his Argentine mistress, a question that several lawmakers believe is key to his political future.

While the two-term Republican has detailed his relationship and yearlong affair with the woman he called his “soul mate,” he never has explained how he was to be reached during his rendezvous with Maria Belen Chapur in June.

He’s insisted he was reachable via a “back channel” by an adviser who was not his spokesman or chief of staff, but Sanford has not offered other details.

“I’ve answered you ad nauseam on all kinds of different things,” Sanford said Monday when asked following a speech to the Orangeburg Kiwanis Club about his plans for the upcoming legislative session. He did not answer the question.

NATIONAL

Firefighters ward off blaze

**LOS ANGELES** — Firefighters set backfires and removed brush with bulldozers across a huge swath of Southern California forest on Tuesday to try to contain a 190-square-mile wildfire that has destroyed 53 homes and threatened thousands more in foothill suburbs.

The commander of the vast firefighting operation expressed a positive outlook for the first time in the week since the blaze erupted in the Angeles National Forest north of Los Angeles and grew into a giant.

“I’m feeling a lot more optimistic today than I did yesterday and the crews are doing fabulous work out there on the grounds but the bottom line is that they’re fighting for every foot,” said Mike Dietrich of the U.S. Forest Service.

The fire continued to spread in wilderness but Dietrich said the containment figure was expected to rise substantially from the current 5 percent after overnight progress was mapped.

INTERNATIONAL

Mexico prepares for Jimena

**LOS CABOS, Mexico** — Tourists fled resorts at the tip of the Baja California Peninsula as Hurricane Jimena roared their way Tuesday, but many slum dwellers concerned about looting refused to leave their imperiled homes.

Jimena, just short of Category 5 status with winds of near 155 mph (250 kph), could rake the region of harsh desert fringed with picturesque beaches and fishing villages as a major hurricane by Tuesday evening.

Jimena may bring some relief to northwestern Mexico’s drought and dump rain on southern Arizona and New Mexico, said Richard Pasch, senior hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The storm is less likely to douse southern California’s wildfires, but “that’s still a possibility and we’re keeping our fingers crossed,” he said.

Police, firefighters and Navy personnel drove through shantytowns, trying to persuade some 10,000 people to evacuate shacks made of plastic sheeting, wood, reeds and even blankets.

— The Associated Press

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CRIME REPORT

Compiled by Rick Stone

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Grand Larceny, Third Degree Burglary first offense, 8:30 a.m.

901 Sumter St.  
The victim reported that his car had been broken into. Many items including \$300 in computer equipment, a \$200 radio and \$260 in other equipment were stolen.  
Reporting officer: Bryan Simon

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27

Larceny of Bicycles, 11:30 a.m.

715 Sumter St.  
Complainant reported someone attempting

to steal a chained bicycle. The perpetrator was arrested at the scene.

Reporting Officer: Chris Thompson

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28

Possession of a fake license, Public Disorderly Conduct, 4:10 a.m.

1501 Senate St.  
Sometime around 4:10 a.m., a USC police officer arrested an 18-year-old student for possession of a fake license and disorderly conduct under the influence of alcohol.  
Reporting officer: Brent Baker

TODAY IN HISTORY

Information compiled from history.com

1666:

In the early morning hours, the Great Fire of London breaks out in the house of King Charles II’s baker on Pudding Lane near London Bridge.

1789:

The United States Treasury Department is founded.

1864:

Union General William T. Sherman’s forces march into Atlanta, Ga. one day after the Confederates evacuate the city.

1945:

Aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, Japan formally surrenders to the Allies, bringing an end to World War II.

1969:

America’s first ATM makes its public debut, dispensing cash to customers at Chemical Bank in Rockville Centre, New York.

1987:

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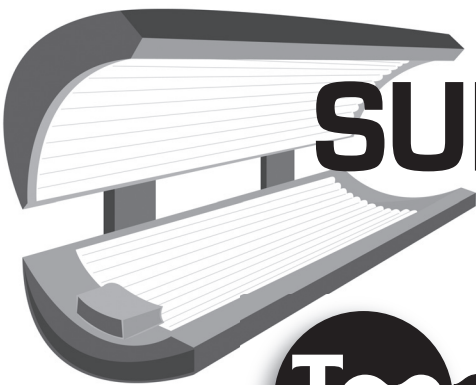
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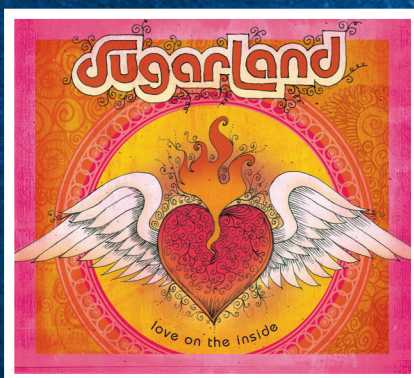
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several dollars on produce by shopping at the market instead of buying all of her produce in the grocery store.

"Everything is always way cheaper at the farmers market and way more fresh," Tucker said.

The next farmers market will be Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Greene Street.

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Disconnected users have cyber-freak out

If you were like 36 million other Google users online late Tuesday afternoon, chances are you received an error message indicating Gmail was shutdown. The popular free e-mail service was out of service for an hour and 45 minutes Tuesday, leaving millions to vent via other online venues while Google scrambled to figure out what went wrong.

Immediately tweets flooded about the error message. Facebook statuses had a field day and personal and business account holders everywhere were left with blank, puzzled faces as if they were suddenly cast out on a deserted island.

Gone are the days when you actually have an opportunity not to reach or be reached.”

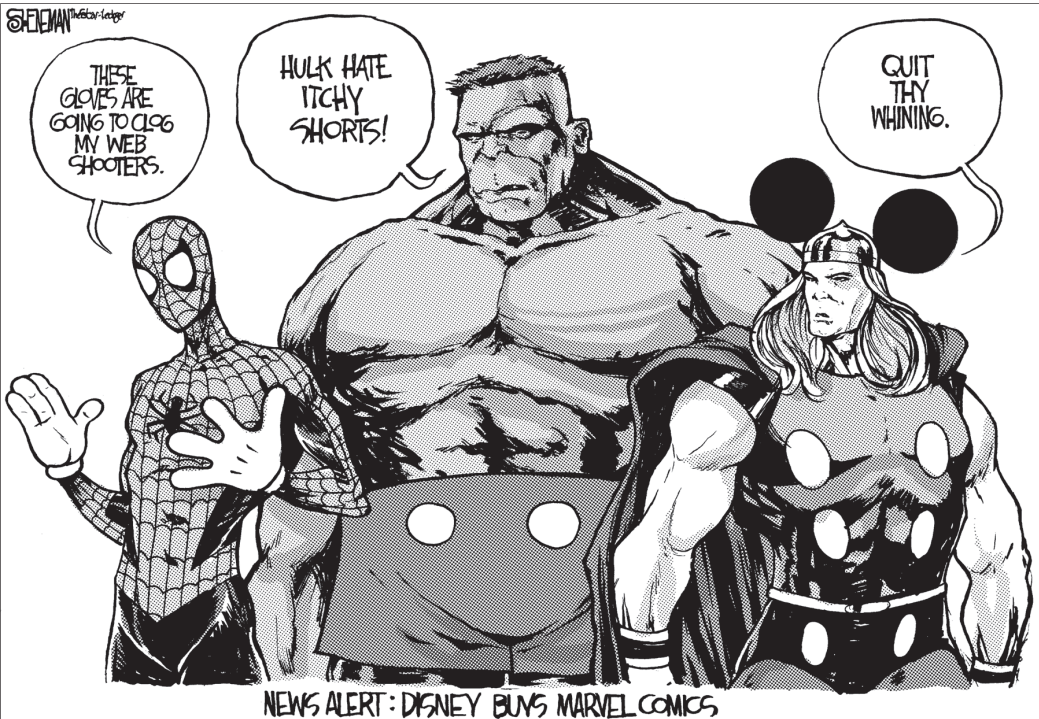
It’s moments like these that make us at The Daily Gamecock wonder as editors scramble over stories sent via e-mail: Are we too dependent on all things digital?

We live in a society now where connectedness is everything. Gone are the days of voice mail and snail mail, when you actually have the opportunity to not reach or be reached. Nowadays, a dead iPhone or Blackberry for a few minutes or an over-trafficked Facebook means a total shutdown of actual reality for most of us.

And it’s not even a jab at the social media obsessive. Businesses, educators, media – they pour their lives, both personal and professional, into a sphere that, when it comes down to it, is just a series of HTML that can be unplugged at any moment.

What would happen if we were to face, as the Obama administration addresses with Senate bill 773, a “digital Pearl Harbor”? What would we do if Obama actually turned off our precious Internet?

Bring out the paper and pens again?



ON THE OTHER HAND

PETA beating a dead horse

Animal activist organization should stop hypocritical acts, sweating small stuff

Who in the world would pick on a bunch of monks? Quiet, pious, kind-hearted individuals who keep to themselves — monks don’t hurt anybody. Attacking them would take a group of people who have no compassion for human beings at all.



Ryan Quinn  
Second-year print journalism student

Insert PETA. In December 2007, the monks of Mepkin Abbey, located in aptly-named Moncks Corner, S.C., were forced to stop selling eggs due to pressure from PETA. The organization released a video showing the monks’ supposed mistreatment of their chickens. Turns out, several scenes of dead chickens on the floor were shot in another facility.

Selling eggs was the main source of income for Mepkin Abbey, and now the monks are left with chicken ... stuff. PETA liberated some chickens, and what did it do with them? I’m not sure, but probability

says they are dead. PETA euthanizes most of the animals surrendered to them. In Virginia in 2005, PETA euthanized 1,946 out of 2,138 animals surrendered to them or picked up as strays. There are several well documented cases of PETA “liberating” animals from “cruel treatment” only to kill them later. In other words, PETA’s bleeding hearts are bigger than their cages.

Literally, a stray or mistreated dog has a better chance of surviving on its own than with the help of PETA, but maybe their situations are too horrible to keep on living. It’s PETA’s sweating over the small stuff that angers me. Their harassment of the monks, their letter to President Obama about swatting a fly and their objection to the Gamecocks.

Get over it, we’re named after fighting chickens. Chickens with spurs on their talons; it’s flipping sweet.

We’re not promoting it, we’re just awesome enough to have a chicken as our mascot and still be cool. There are other teams much more offensive to animal rights, like the Philadelphia Eagles. Stop beating a dead horse.

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Reality show gives surprising lessons

Anti-moral shows are guilty pleasures for Americans, but offer valuable guidance along the way

I understand that most people do not share my love for trash TV. To the dismay of my roommates, friends and ex-boyfriends, I would selfishly hog the television set for hours, inexplicably absorbed in the atrocious behaviors of those forgoing their dignity for 15 minutes of fame – usually aired on VH1.



Mandi Sordellet  
Fourth-year public relations student

I’m not going to redeem my superficial obsession by fooling you into thinking there is educational value behind these programs. I shamefacedly admit they are a pure indulgence of lost brain cells. However, there is something to be said about observing human behavior on these shows, specifically on one of my favorites, “Tool Academy.”

For TV elitists who are unfamiliar with Tool Academy, the concept (like it’s contestants) is very simple.

A group of women surprise their less-than-satisfactory significant others by enrolling them into a training facility dedicated to “turning tools into knights in shining armor.” Each week the couples participate in group therapy where they air their relationship’s dirty laundry for the world to witness, and then compete in a game where they can apply their freshly gained perspectives. By the end of the week, the Tool with the least progress is discharged from the academy and the humiliation is furthered in the parking lot where he meets his girlfriend and she ultimately decides whether the relationship is worth the limo ride home. The couple who survives the entire experience intact wins the satisfaction of being the most compatible couple in the Tool Academy – and \$10,000 of prize money.

This hour-long, weekly insight into the dysfunctional relationships that the majority of our young population experience can give more information than almost any survey or focus group known to man. Despite the entertainment, there is learning value.

My favorite part of the program is the group therapy session – not only because of dropped bombshells, but because I feel confrontation is a

lost art among our generation.

Nowadays, the common mentality towards confrontation is in the form of insults and accusations hurled across message boards, cell phones, dinner tables or bars. This tactic is not only utilized by scorned lovers, but of all types of relationships, including friends and even family. We bring up past transgressions, we get angry, we say things we don’t mean and somehow, at the end of it all, we think we achieved some form of closure; instead, all we accomplished was delaying any progress and allowing the raw feelings of hurt to lay dormant until the next offense occurs.

While “Tool Academy” is guilty of provoking their contestants into this type of aggressive confrontation for entertainment value, it also showcases the correct way to face such hardship. Although I would never recommend this show as a moral compass, it has shown me that even in the worst cases, the best way to work through a bad relationship is to evaluate whether it is worth the amount of work put into by both parties, then try to work together towards a common plateau of desired contentment.

That and the alpha male throwdowns are pretty epic.

IT’S YOUR RIGHT

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Federal system must contribute education funds

Current allotment not enough to boost lagging schools

Johnny Harper  
FOURTH-YEAR MARKETING STUDENT

Should education be a federal matter?

According to the U.S. Department of Education, “Of an estimated \$1 trillion being spent nationwide on education at all levels for school year 2008-09, a substantial majority will come from state, local and private sources.” This kind of system leads to jokes about the Palmetto State on shows like “Family Guy” and “The Simpsons.” I like the obscure references, but being the butt of a joke is not a laughing matter when you consider the lack of progress in our state. While not dead last in rankings, the goals of our educational system should not be to beat out half of the South. By having a system of educational funding that depends on the state or local level, it fails to aid the poorer sections of the country that lag behind in getting newer computers, better books, and being able to pay teachers what they deserve.

Currently, states receive an average of about 8 percent of their education funding from the Federal level. The U.S. Department of Education says that one of its goals is to strive to make sure they use that contribution the best it can to “get a big bang for its taxpayer-provided bucks by targeting its funds where they can do the most good.”

According to the Educational Policy Institute’s Global 2005 report on 16 developed countries, the U.S. ranked No. 4 in accessibility behind the pot-smoking Netherlands, Finland, and the United Kingdom, which isn’t bad. In terms of affordability, however the U.S. ranked 13 out of 16, with the socialized Swedes topping the list and followed closely by the Finns and our baked friends from the Netherlands. Other U.S. rankings out of the 16 included 14 in educational costs and 9 in “Out-of-Pocket” costs after tax expenditures.

This isn’t a change that can be made quickly by any means, but there should certainly be a concerted effort by Americans to push for such an agenda. With the United States arguably slipping in its role as a world superpower, a reform in education should be more than a three minute debate over 11 months of a political campaign. Until Americans are ready to unite and push for a serious educational reform, we’ll be subjected to more summer long debates about a stupid gas-tax holiday.



# Taut actioner ‘District 9’ brings out sci-fi’s best

*Low-budget thriller illustrates apartheid struggle with alien metaphor*

**Jimmy Gilmore**  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

## District 9 NOW IN THEATERS

★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆

**Director:** Neil Blomkamp

**Starring:** Sharlto Copley, Jason Cope, Nathalie Boltt

**Run Time:** 112 minutes

**Rating:** R for bloody violence, pervasive language

The best science fiction has, traditionally, always had one foot planted strongly in its present. In the 1950s, filmmakers helped shape the genre by presenting allegories of Cold War America grappling with the paranoia of communism in such classics as “The Thing From Another World” and “Invasion of the Body Snatchers.”

In the intervening decades, filmmakers have continually recognized the ability to reflect real society through fantasy to address political or social concerns. Clearly attuned to his most successful predecessors, South African filmmaker Neill Blomkamp directs “District 9” with a ferocious and clear-eyed intensity rarely felt in contemporary sci-fi.

In Blomkamp’s version of South Africa’s battle against apartheid politics, the downtrodden and discriminated are a race of aliens who arrived on Earth 28 years earlier and hovered over Johannesburg, their spaceship out of fuel and the inhabitants malnourished to the brink of death. Out of fear, the South African government intervened and relegated them to a slum.

Now, naïve up-and-coming government agent Wikus Van De Merwe (newcomer Sharlto Copley) helps lead an effort to evict the aliens into a smaller concentration camp, where the government can naturally exert more direct influence on the creatures.

Made on a scant budget of only \$30 million — compare that to the nearly \$200 million budget of “Transformers 2” — “District 9” contains some of the most eye-popping, jaw-dropping, nerve-rattling special effects wizardry of any blockbuster this year.



Courtesy of TriStar Pictures

Newcomer Sharlto Copley stars in TriStar Pictures’ sci-fi thriller “District 9,” which premiered Aug. 14.

Shot largely on location in actual South African slums, “District 9” has a palpably urban feel. It’s loaded with dust and crawling with grime, and rather expertly captures a distinct verisimilitude by shooting most of the film like a television documentary.

The effects and nasty makeup blends seamlessly into the intricate and rickety camera movements and sharp editing of each action scene, making the film immersive and completely captivating.

Blomkamp’s film is built off the rather common theme of cross-cultural, or in this case cross-species, understanding and while it’s hard to make the case that it advances the idea of a “socially conscious science fiction film” into uncharted territory, “District 9” is whittled of fat and excess, its politics laid bare but simultaneously expertly concealed beneath its graphic and gripping aesthetic.

It’s a lean machine of gross-out makeup and gore of the highest caliber, superbly calibrated to launch effortlessly from set piece to set piece. Copley helps keep the pace and

tension high with his charismatic lead performance, throwing himself wholly into his character’s fears and resolves, and giving the audience an easy place to hold their sympathies.

But even as “District 9” works as a consummate thrill ride, it’s also smart enough not to get pigeonholed by the cinematic conventions and echoes it structures its story around. Scientists exploiting alien life for government gain, small alien children harassed by workers and brutish and unforgiving soldiers help make up the dusty landscape of the film, but thankfully Blomkamp’s script uses these as efficiently as possible, as mere touchstones to simplify his exposition.

“District 9” has the effect of being rolled around inside a steel barrel. It’s an exhilarating action film that’s always tossing and turning in the most unpredictable way, and it’s hard to shake the shock.

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## DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD START YOUR OWN CLUB ON CAMPUS?

*Can’t find a niche?  
It’s easy to make,  
register your own*

**Haley Dreis**  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

There are more than 300 registered student organizations on campus, but with 20,521 students, there’s always room to motivate the Carolina Community and to keep up with new student interests by starting your own.

Creating an organization may seem like a daunting task, but it’s probably easier than you think.

There are a multitude of benefits in being a registered organization at USC. Student organizations can take advantage of services such as free copies, a campus address and mail service, helium for balloons and request for funding from Student Activity Fees after one year in existence.

Organizations also have the option of using University services (catering, reserved parking for speakers and Web page space), Student Life services (Leadership Resource Center and room reservations in the Russell

House) and free publicity (announcements in The Daily Gamecock, public service announcements on WUSC and USC’s calendar of events).

You must have a minimum of 10 full-time students to be an active organization and a full-time faculty staff adviser, and the organization must be open to all students.

The registration process begins by filling out the new organization application packet available from the Student Organizations office at the Campus Life Center.

All applicants must speak with Becka Neary, coordinator for Student Organizations, to ensure organizations comply with University policies. When Neary approves, a recommendation letter is sent to the associate vice president for Student Affairs for a final evaluation.

According to Neary, completed applications with no glaring issues take approximately 10 days, and most organizations pass the process.

During the 2008-09 academic year, 68 groups met with the Office of Student Organizations showing interest in beginning a new organization. Of the 68 that

applied, 21 followed through with registration and all were approved.

Neary said the biggest concern is though many new organizations register with the Office of Student Organizations, after one or two years they fizzle out.

“I equate it to a small business,” Neary said. “It takes a lot of time to start something from the ground up. The resources, support, guidance and members all have to be aligned and striving for the same vision. It’s unfortunate but many organizations do not make it past the first few years.”

Student organizations are encouraged to stay active by checking mailboxes and e-mail accounts frequently to stay informed with important information from the Student Organizations office.

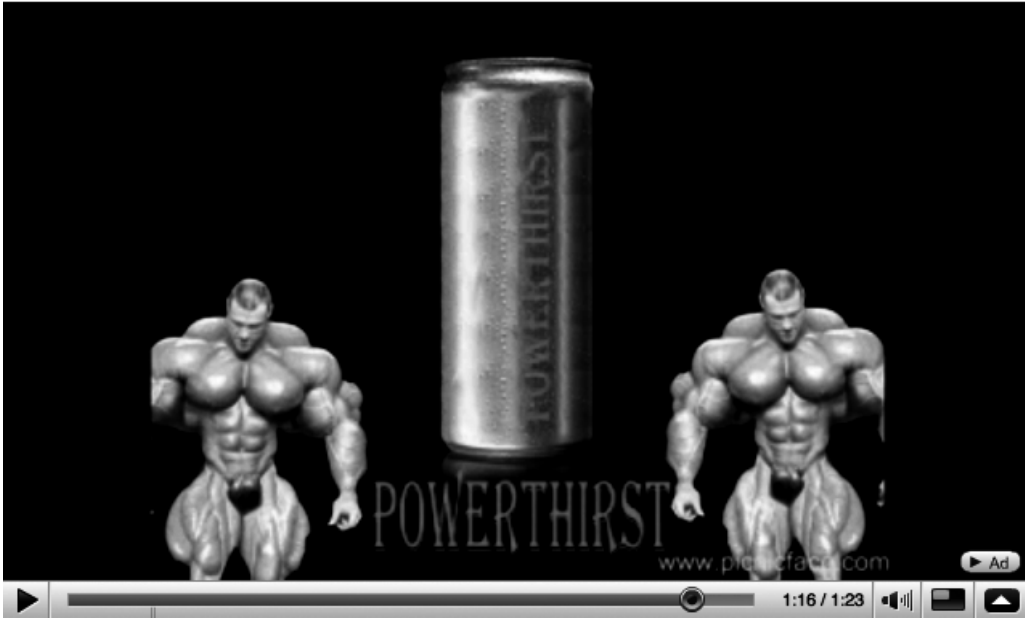
If you’re interested in learning more about current student organizations, attend the Student Organization Fair Sept. 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Greene Street. Keep an eye out for new student organization events at visting sa.sc.edu/studentorgs.

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## You Tube

### Clip of the Week:

**Powerthirst**



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Courtesy of YouTube.com

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### Commercial spoof makes for laughs

**Ben Ortiz-Colon**  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

This YouTube video is a hilarious pseudo-commercial about a fictional energy drink. Its crazy antics

will keep you laughing for its entire duration. This video is a great way to get your feet wet if you are entirely new to YouTube humor, and for those of you who may have watched it before, this is a well-warranted reminder of how utterly awesome Powerthirst is. Starting from the very beginning, it catches your attention

with loud noises and bold words. Reinforcing the most important — that is to say the funniest — parts with echo voices works to ensure that you will be laughing constantly. Using coined phrases and witty puns, the video continues without pause until you reach the end and you feel as though your mind has been thoroughly blown. Also, don’t be fooled by cheap knock-offs. The video is so popular that it already has many imitations, but the original is the sure.

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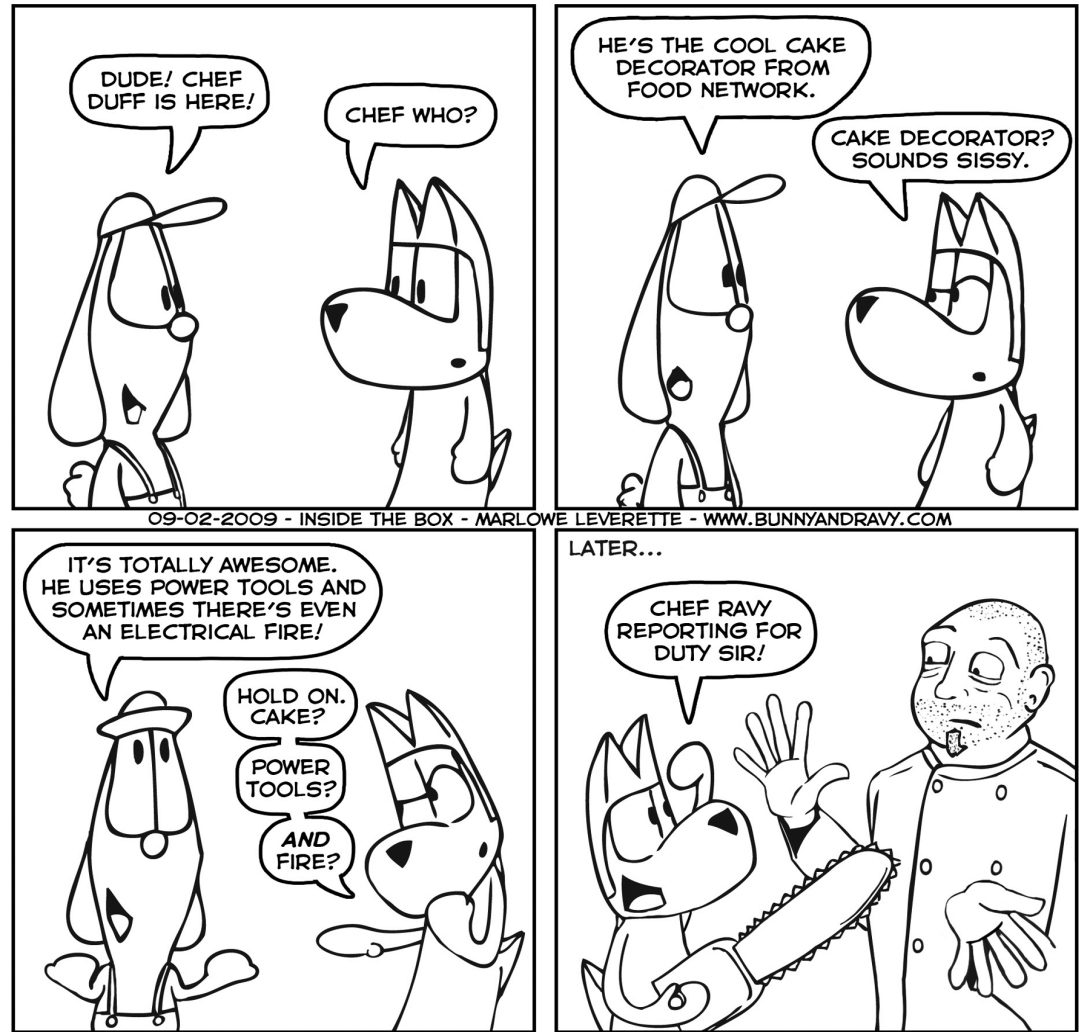


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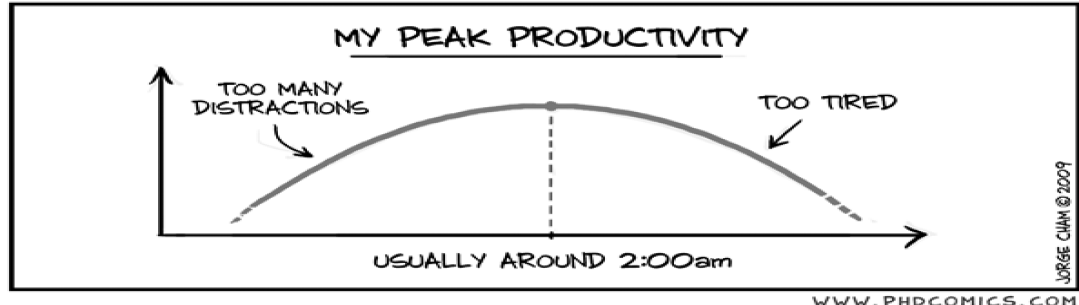
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HOROSCOPES



**ARIES** The only way to find out if each plan will work is to give them a try. Do this virtually, if possible.

**TAURUS** Friends and loved ones help you clear out stuff that's been weighing you down. Get rid of a mess you don't need.

**GEMINI** A conflict of interest could mess up your social life. You may have to pass up some invitations that clash.

**CANCER** The more you study, the more you realize you don't know. You'll soon learn if you've been studying the wrong thing.

**LEO** Take it slow and easy while the kinks are worked out. Don't feel guilty; it's a natural part of the process.

**VIRGO** Money's coming in from work you did earlier. Relax and enjoy it. You've earned it.

**LIBRA** You're doing a good job, but some of your methods seem unusual. Teach the others and you'll all end up better off.

**SCORPIO** Today looks good for cuddling, but you also have a meeting. Family comes first, remember?

**SAGITTARIUS** It's up to you to do the

research. If you agree to a risky deal, it's nobody's fault but your own.

**CAPRICORN** You like to learn by doing, but this time it's good to have a coach, especially if you're going to be moving fast.

**AQUARIUS** Go through your files and clean up an error that's been slowing you down. A correction will help you immensely.

**PISCES** If they're bugging you for a decision, ask for a postponement. There's not enough info to finish the assignment.

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1 Sandler of "Funny People"  
5 Do a pre-vacation chore  
9 Musicians' org.  
14 Island tourist destination in Indonesia  
15 1975 Wimbledon champ Arthur  
16 Words of compassion  
17 Like flights from the USA to Eur., e.g.  
18 "Birthday suit"  
19 Vacation time, for short  
20 Gave additional consideration  
23 Winter toy  
24 Bosses (around)  
25 Corsage flower  
28 \_\_\_ Jones's locker  
30 Detox locale  
31 '70s-'80s consumer electronics giant  
32 Sharp cheese  
36 Falsifying accounting records  
39 "Even \_\_\_ speak ..."  
40 Anise-flavored liqueur  
41 More than medium  
42 Days at an inn  
43 Loving touch  
44 "Bless you!" elicitor  
48 Agent 007  
49 In any way possible  
55 Pine (for)  
56 \_\_\_ stick: bouncing toy  
57 Dust Bowl migrant  
58 Slyly derogatory  
59 Letter-shaped fastener  
60 Paris-\_\_\_ Airport  
61 Less loony  
62 Trig ratio  
63 Catholic service

**Down**

1 Slightly  
2 "Book 'em, \_\_\_!": "Hawaii Five-O" catchphrase  
3 Type of sax  
4 Ice cream treat  
5 Didn't flunk  
6 Made an inquiry  
7 In fashion  
8 Popular bar game  
9 Hang on a clothesline  
10 Burn badly  
11 Tippy craft  
12 Intense passion  
13 Company car, expense account, etc.  
21 Suspect's "I was home all night," e.g.  
22 Exploding stars  
25 Shamu, for one  
26 Vintage cars  
27 Chuck wagon fare  
28 Scatterbrained  
29 Dr. Seuss's  
"Horton Hears \_\_\_"  
31 Water in Juárez

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33 Handed-down stories  
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37 Prohibited  
38 Mel who voiced Foghorn Leghorn  
42 Oklahoma athlete  
43 Toon Wile E., e.g.

44 Bottomless depth  
45 "Laughing" critter  
46 IHOP or Borders  
47 Nomadic tribe  
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Senior midfielder Mark Wiltse was carried off the field on a stretcher after colliding with a Charlotte player. USC was still about to pull out the win, 3-1.

# Soccer jumpstarts season with victory

Gamecocks push past Charlotte despite departure of senior leader Wiltse

Jake FitzGerald  
THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Despite being outshot 13-6, the South Carolina men’s soccer team was able to pull off a 3-1 victory over the Charlotte 49ers Tuesday night to open the season with an impressive win.

“Starting with a win is a big plus and playing against a good team is a big plus,” said a relieved Mark Berson, Carolina’s head coach.

Thirty minutes into the first half, junior forward Blake Brettschneider received a pass inside the six-yard box from senior midfielder Jeff Scannella and put it past the diving Charlotte goalkeeper, David Martin, to give the Gamecocks their first lead of the season at 1-0.

Carolina added to its lead when a defensive lapse by the 49ers early in the second half resulted in an own goal that

trickled past senior goalkeeper David Martin.

While clearing the ball with a 2-0 lead, senior defender Mark Wiltse collided awkwardly with a Charlotte player. He left the game on a stretcher with a reported right leg injury.

“Losing Mark I though was really tough for our team,” Berson said. “He’s a senior. He’s one of our leaders. I really give our guys a lot of credit for staying focused and pushing through on that.”

In the 57th minute, senior forward Sam Arthur crossed the ball to sophomore midfielder Stephen Morrissey who was able to put the ball in the back of the net, giving the Gamecocks a comfortable three-goal lead that they would not relinquish.

The 49ers wouldn’t give up, however, as senior midfielder Adam Gross would deflect a corner kick, giving Charlotte its first goal of the season, cutting the USC lead to two in the process.

A tough play in the box left Gamecock goalkeeper Jimmy Maurer, who was named to the Herman Trophy Watch List and the Preseason All-Conference USA team, on the ground. He came up limping, but stayed in the match.

The intense play would continue when senior defender Tyler Ruthven received a yellow card for getting in an argument with the referee, marking the third of the night handed out by the officials.

But despite the confrontations with the game officials, Carolina was still able to put the game away, clinching a perfect opening night for Gamecock soccer.

“A 3-1 score line is a little bit deceiving. I think both teams played well in stretches but we were able to capitalize on out opportunities and I think that was the difference in the game,” Berson said. “At the end of the game, I thought we did a pretty good job at holding a lead. We’ve worked hard on that. Our guys are very conscious of that. That was the objective and we got the result.”

The Gamecocks return to the field on Friday night when they take on the archrival Clemson Tigers at 7 p.m. at Riggs Field.

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## USC Club Football set for debut

Students continue preparations for sport’s inaugural season

James Kratch  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

When you think of college football, you think of tailgating, cheerleaders, and 80,000 seat stadiums. You don’t think of guys getting their gear out of the back of a pick-up truck and heading to practice. However, the latter is just fine for the inaugural USC club football team.

“We’re coming together pretty good,” coach Dustin Allen, a third-year history student, said. “We’ve got a bunch of athletes. Don’t have many linemen, but we’ve got a bunch of athletes. We’re going to try and spread it out.”

Third-year exercise science student Derek Lair was one of the founders of the team. Even he is amazed about how fast everything has come together ever since the club was founded last semester.

“It’s amazing that it went from an idea to what it is now,” Lair said. “[The University] is working with us as much as they can. At first they were a little hesitant, but they’ve kind of grown on the idea and they realize that a lot of people want to play football.”

Assistance has also come from the varsity football program as well.

“We couldn’t have done this without Coach Spurrier, Mr. [Jamie] Speronis, Mr. [Charles] Waddell giving us some of their old equipment,” Allen said.

The club currently has about 30 players, with experience ranging from former walk-ons to first-time players. Even wider ranging are the stories of each player.

Third-year business student Eradz Sharipov grew up playing football, but it was the one we call soccer. A native of St. Petersburg, Russia, Sharipov fell in love with the sport when he first came to the United States.

Currently rehabbing an injury that will keep him out for this season, he hopes to get a chance he never thought would happen next year.

“Hopefully I play next year,” Sharipov said. “I definitely want to be a part of it. It really has opened doors for those who don’t play varsity who want to play.”

Second-year criminal justice student Jet Taylor didn’t play football in high school. An Ohio native whose family has Cincinnati Bengals season tickets, he sees the club as a second chance.

“It was something I always regretted, not playing football in high school,” Taylor said. “I’ve enjoyed it thoroughly so far. I like the coaches, like the players. It’s been a lot of fun. I’m glad I’m doing it.”

Like the varsity team, the club squad’s starting quarterback is named Stephen, and like his famous counterpart, he too is aiming to bounce back from some adversity this fall.

Third-year exercise science student Stephen Smith played quarterback in high school. He was all set to play in college on scholarship, but a torn ACL cost him that chance. Now, he has an opportunity to end his playing career on a high note.

“It was really just one of the best things I’ve heard since I’ve come to college. This is just a great chance to come out here and have the camaraderie of football again,” Smith said. “I feel like we’ve got a lot of pretty good players. We’ll definitely be competitive. I’ve been waiting for this for several years, since my last game of high school.”

The club team will play their first ever game at Wake Forest two weeks from now, but they see that as a warm-up, considering that even though they’re a club team, their focus as a Gamecock football team should be no different.

“We’re worried about Clemson coming to our place [on Sept. 20],” Allen said.

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## COUNTDOWN TO KICKOFF: 1 DAY

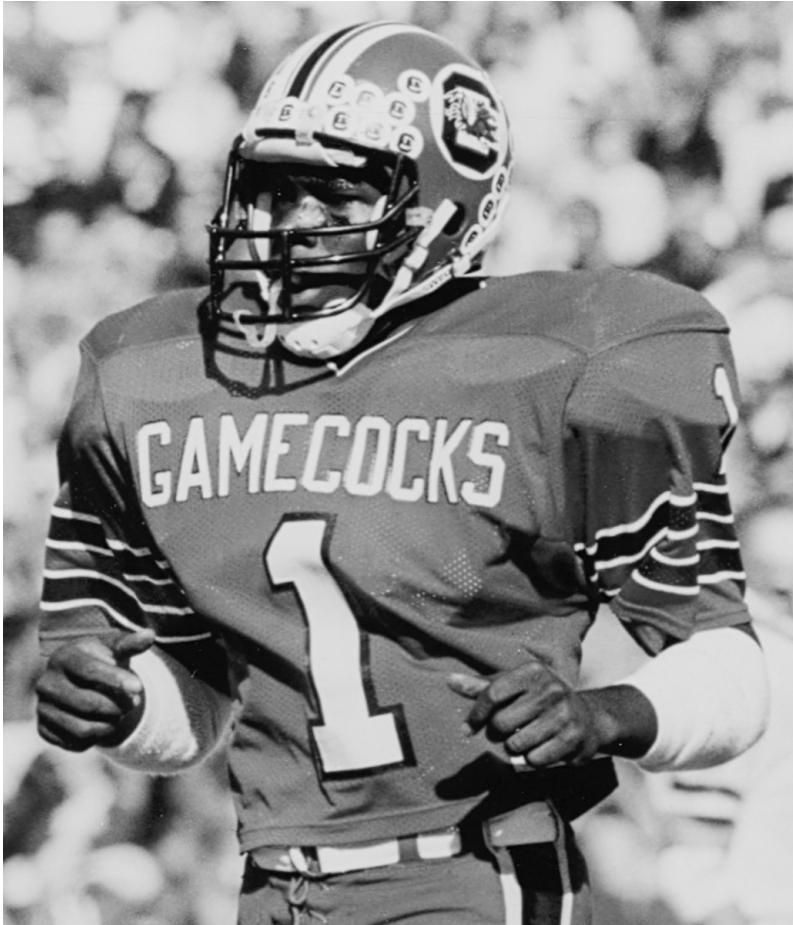


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Best player to wear No. 1: Ira Hillary (1981-1984)

While he may not be on the level of former greats like Kenny McKinley and Sterling Sharpe, Ira Hillary may still go down as one of the best to play wideout for the Garnet and Black. An Edgefield native, Hillary recorded 90 receptions for 1,566 yards in his four-year career with the Gamecocks including eight going-for touchdowns. He is the uncle of current Carolina quarterback Aramis Hillary.

## Student GOVERNMENT

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Freshman Council applications will be due to the Campus Life Center on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> by 12pm. Freshman Council is a great way to get involved with the Carolina Community.

The University of South Carolina Student Lobby is looking for a student to serve as Director. Stop by the Campus Life Center to learn more about how to get involved in advocating on behalf of your fellow students.

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